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BULLETIN OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS STATISTICS

SEPTEMBER, 1946.

1. GENERAL

This summary, issued by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson), covers the operations of the Unemployment and Siekness Benefits Act, 1944, during the month of September, 1946 and the three months ended September, 1946.

The Act provides for the payment of benefit to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or temporary incapacity. The Act also provides a third class of benefit - designated Special Benefit - which gives a measure of assistance to those persons who, on account of some special circumstances, cannot comply with the statutory requirements relating to unemployment or sickness benefit, and who are prevented from earning a livelihood and are in need.

The numbers of recipients of benefit do not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven days' duration is not covered due to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. Permanent incapacity is not included as this is covered by the Invalid and Old Age Pensions Act. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit. The inclusion of claims rejected - see 2(i) below - completes the coverage of all persons applying for benefit, irrespective of whether their claims are approved or rejected.

The number of "persons on benefit" in this summary related to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependants of such beneficiaries are not included.

The information contained in this bulletin has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services.

Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries, the figures are preliminary and subject to revision. This applies particularly to discontinuances and results in persons on benefit at the end of the month being overstated.

2. SUMMARY

(i) Claims Rejected: The number of applicants for benefit whose claims were rejected during the three months ended September, 1946, is shown in the table below. No further dissection of these rejected claims has been made but it is hoped to extract further information in the near future.

CLAIMS REJECTED - THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1946 : STATES.

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State	ployment	Sickness	Special	Number	Percent.of All Claims
New South Wales(a) Victoria Queensland South Australia (b) Western Australia Tasmania	1,099 428 6,107 1,865 1,181 34	416 611 265 345 255 95	20 9 9 12 14 2	1,535 1,048 6,381 2,222 1,450	17.7 17.7 33.8 52.7 26.0 13.7
Total:	10,714	1,987	66	12,767	28.9

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Claims Admitted, Exits, Persons on Benefit: The following table shows for the year ended June, 1946 and for the months from July to September, 1946, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and beneficiaries remaining on benefit:-

CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT. Year ended June, 1946 and Months of July to September, 1946.

	THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF THE	Unempl	oyment	Sick	ness	Spec	ial		TOTAL	
Period		Males	Fe- males	Males	Fe- males	Males	Fe- males	Males	Fe- males	Persons
		laims ad	mitted d	luring y	ear 194	5-46 an	d Mont	hs of		,
July to September, 1946 : Australia.										
1946:					A CONTRACT OF THE CONTRACT OF					
Year ended	June	63,622	12,212	31,974	6,471	125	157	95,721	18,840	114,561
July		3,981	348	3,499	696	20	11	7,500	1,055	8,555
August		(a)5,133	(a)1,006	3,156	679	71	21	8,360	1,706	10,066
September		(a)6,258		4,277	1,014	48	31	10,583	2,264	12,847
	Ī	Discontin						hs of		
		Ju	ly to Se	ptember	, 1946	: Austr	alia.			
1946:			100							
Year ended	June	55,171	11,774	25,847	5,094	105	47	81,123	16,915	98,038
July		3,665	324	2,751	515	14	8	6,430	847	7,277
August	••		(a) 983	2,695	526	55	8	7,659	1,517	9,176
September	• •	(a)6,951	(a)1,325	4,116	825	41	18	11,108	2,168	13,276
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		Ju	ne to Se	ptember	, 1946	: Austr	alia.			
1946:	,									
June		8,451	438	6,127	1,377	20	110	14,598	1,925	16,523
July	••	8,767	462	6,875	1,558	26	113	15,668	2,133	17,801
August		8,991	485	7,336	1,711	42	126	16,369	2,322	18,691
September	0 0	1 8,298	379	17,497	1,900	49	139	15,844		18,262

(a) Increase in largely due to delayed advices received from Queensland in respect of power rationing cases which should have been admitted and discontinued during July, 1946. It is hoped to allocate these to their correct month in the October bulletin.

Note: For monthly figures from July 1945 to June 1946, see July 1946 Bulletin.

3. BENEFITS PAID.

The benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State during September, 1946, and the three months ended September, 1946, are shown in the following table:-

AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING SEPTEMBER, 1946 AND THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1946 : STATES.

State	В	enefits pa		g	Benefits paid during three months ended September, 1946				
State	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	
N.S.W.(a) VIC. QLD. S.A. (b) W.A. TAS.	£, 12,702 5,102 19,999 1,998 10,277 965	£. 25,501 14,520 8,426 7,910 5,194 3,400	£. 361 225 292 156 222 158	£. 38,564 19,847 28,717 10,064 15,693 4,523	£. 35,167 15,310 87,453 7,224 32,465 2,344	£. 65,805 41,039 24,274 20,164 14,958 7,882	£. 751 539 774 470 505 535	£. 101,723 56,888 112,501 27,858 47,928 10,761	
TOTAL:	51,043	64,951	1,414	117,408	179,963	174,122	3,574	357,659	

⁽a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

⁽b) Includes Northern Territory.

(i) <u>Duration</u>: The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the 29,729 cases of benefit discontinued during the three months ended September, 1946, is shown in the following table:-

DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1946: AUSTRALIA.

Duration of	Ur	employme	ent	White Year Western The William Con Control	Sickness	S OF PERSONS IN CONTROL OF PROPERTY.	y or the owner of the transmission and the section of the section	TOTAL(8	1)
Benefit	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Weeks	Wanted Mary No.	THE STATE OF	AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY OF THE	MACHINE MANAGEMENT (ALL MANESA) AL LANGE	 Завыму объектом литей сих и усорожения отности на применения и подражения от на применения и подражения и по	OMICNOTORIUM, ADMINISTRATORIO, DIRECTORIO, DIRECTORIO, ENVIR	in Disastration resident (LAC 1745/1998) The	Andrew Princers Parlament of the Internal	And the second s
Less than 1	3,292	791	4,083	869	135	1,004	4,166	926	5,092
1 and under 2	4,190	1,454	5,644	1,438	242	1,680	5,636	1,698	7,334
2 " " 3	1,354	66	1,420	1,301	220	1,521	2,667	290	2,957
3 " " 4	1,023	39	1,062	1,092	212	1,304	2,130	251	2,381
4 " " 5	721	35	756	792	1.61	953	1,543	197	1,740
5 " " 9	1,944	87	2,031	1,839	365	2,204	3,801	458	4,259
9 " " 13	1,194	55	1,249	814	1.99	1,013	2,020	257	2,277
13 and over	1,807	105	1,912	1,417	332	1,749			3.689
TOTAL:	15,525	2,632	18,157	9,562	1,866	11,428	25,197	4,532	29,729

(a) Includes Special Benefits (110 males, 34 females, 144 persons).

Of the 29,729 benefits discontinued during the three months ended September, 1946, 10,225 (34 per cent.) were in receipt of benefit for five weeks and over, 11,965 (40 per cent.) for four weeks and over, 14,346 (48 per cent.) for three weeks and over, 17,303 (58 per cent.) for two weeks and over, 24,637 (83 per cent.) for one week and over, whilst 5,092 (17 per cent.) received benefit for less than one week.

Average duration of unemployment benefits discontinued was shorter than that of sickness. Twenty-two per cent. of unemployment and 9 per cent. of sickness cases were in receipt of benefit for less than one week, whilst for durations of less than three weeks the percentages were 61 and 37 per cent. respectively.

(ii) Reasons for Gessation: Of the 18,157 cases of unemployment benefit terminated during the three months ended September, 1945, 17,188 (94.7 per cent.) secured employment or failed to report (which in most cases means that the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising the Department of Social Services), 530 (2.9 per cent.) transferred to Sickness Benefit or to another district and 150 (0.8 per cent.) transferred to Rehabilitation Allowance.

Of the 11,428 cases of sickness benefit terminated, 9,929 (86.9 per cent.) recovered from their illness and presumably resumed employment, 507 (4.4 per cent.) were classified as permanently incapacitated which, in practically every case, means that they were transferred to Invalid Pension, 471 (4.1 per cent.) transferred to Unemployment Benefit or to another district and 198 (1.7 per cent.) died.

5. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF SEPTEMBER, 1946.

TOTAL PERSONS.

(i) Proportion per 10,000 in Employment: The proportion of persons on benefit at 30th September, 1946, to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 77 per 10,000, comprising 36 unemployment, 40 sickness and 1 special cases per 10,000. The following table shows the proportions for males and females separately:-

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF FERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 30TH SEFTEMBER, 1946 PER 10.000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT: AUSTRALIA.

Sex	Proportion	No. on	benefit per 1	0,000 in empl	oyment
Dex	Tropor sion	Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Males	per 10,000 males	49	44	-	93
Females	per 10,000 females	Concentration of the second state of the second state of the second seco	28	2	36
Persons	per 10,000 persons	36	40	1	77

(ii) State Totals: The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 30th September, 1946:-

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1946 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Spec	cial	Total			
Dunce	Males	Females	Males	Females	lisles	Females	Males	Females	Persons	
N.S.W.(a)	2,083	147	2,918	690	12	38	5,013	875	5,888	
VIC.	750	24	2,047	602	5	32	2,802	658	3,460	
QLD.	3,446	1.59	859	191	9	21	4,314	371	4,685	
S.A. (b)	237	6	719	131	6	9	962	146	1,108	
W.A.	1,601	40	545.	1.81	14	12	2,160	233	2,393	
TAS.	181	3	409	1.05	3	21	593	1.35	728	
TOTAL:	8,298	379	7,497	1.900	49	1.39	15,844	2,418	18,262	

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Ages: Distribution of beneficiaries at 30th September, 1946, according to age groups is shown in the following table:-

GROUPED AGE: PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1946: AUSTRALIA.

Grouped Age	Ur	nemployme	ent	mentenders kartinostranyc atta	Sickness	3	Total(a)			
(as at 31st Dec., 1946)	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	
16 - 19 years 20 - 24 " 25 - 29 " 30 - 34 " 35 - 39 " 40 - 44 " 45 - 49 " 50 - 54 "	270 755 807 812 766 874 880 930	106 130 39 26 29 19 14 11	376 885 846 838 795 893 894 941	431 614 555 703 706 746 822 951	395 499 219 164 149 124 158 112	826 1,113 774 867 855 870 980 1,063	703 1,371 1,362 1,517 1,472 1,620 1,702 1,881	511 637 267 205 197 160 195 146 96	1,214 2,008 1,629 1,722 1,669 1,780 1,897 2,027 2,195	
55 - 59 "	1,040	5 -	1,045	1,054 915	77	1,131	2,099	4	2,121	
TOTAL:	8,298	379	8,677	7,497	1,900	9,397	15,844	2,418	18,262	

(a) Includes Special Benefits (49 males, 139 females, 188 persons).

The above table shows that the incidence of unemployment and sickness amongst males is greater in the higher age groups, 59 per cent. of the unemployment and 60 per cent. of the sickness cases occurring in ages of 40 years and over. The decline in numbers of females over the age of 24 years is due to the smaller numbers in employment in these groups, through large numbers quitting their employment on marriage.

6. UNEMPLOYMENT - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF SEPTEMBER, 1946.

(i) <u>Cause of Unemployment</u>: The following table analyses the reasons for termination of employment as stated by beneficiaries admitted to benefit during the three months ended September, 1946 and by those who were on benefit at 30th September, 1946:-

CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT: CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1946 - AUSTRALIA.

				ing three		n benefit	
Cause of Unemployment	r	nonths	ended Se	pt.,1946			
		Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Discharged for disciplinary reasons .	•	274	7	281	172	6	178
Discharged for other reasons -							
Inefficiency, including medical unfitne	- SS	600	25	625	743	28	771
Retrenchment, including closing of				/ 68			
establishment .		1,986	81	2,067	1,297	49	1,346
Replaced by reinstated ex-service person	n-						
nel, etc., relieving worker only		801	68	869	642	39	681
Other discharges, including inadequatel	ГУ						
defined	0 0	138	3	141	80	2	82
Laid-off owing to -							
Power rationing	0	4,657	2,147	6,804	187	37	224
1101 0000 01 11000		760	21	781	344	8	352
Strikes, lock-outs within the same							
establishment		427	17	444	162	19	181
Seasonal work		643	8	651	604	38	642
o CLO CCL TO I I		1,581	16	1,597	869	8	877
Other reasons, including inadequately							
defined		291	7	298	113	9	122
Inadequately defined .	0	-	-	-	957	19	976
Quitted -				100			
Wie Control of the co		1,117	76	1,193	748	41	789
Other quits, including inadequately							
WOTTHOU	• •	789	60	849	499	46	545
Not previously employed -							
THE TOTAL WOLLD'S		276	4	280	192	1	193
Ex-service personnel not yet returned t	to			4 000	0.55	10	100
work · ·	0 0	1,021	17	1,038	675	13	688
O UTIC:	• •	11	16	27	14	16	30
TOTAL:	COME TO SERVICE OF SERVICE	15,372	2,573	17,945	8,298	379	8,677

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer, the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the person being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation of a temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit.

Quits are separations which take place on the initiative of the employee.

This classification was adopted as from 1st July, 1946. Many benefits admitted prior to this date could not be allocated to either discharges or lay-offs because of an inadequate reason being stated. They have been included under the head "inadequately defined". The numbers under this head will diminish as these benefits are discontinued.

(ii) Industrial Groups: In the following statement is shown the distribution, according to main industrial groups, of those who were in receipt of unemployment benefits at 30th September, 1946. For comparison, figures at 31st August are added.

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - PERSONS ON UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1946
AND 31ST AUGUST, 1946 : AUSTRALIA.

Industrial Group	1		benefit August		On benefit at 30th September, 1946			
		Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	0 0	747	4	751	716	5	721	
Other Primary Production		140	-	140	136	-	136	
Coal Mining		103	-	103	70	***	70	
Other Mining and Quarrying		170	-	170	138	1	138	
Factories and Industrial -								
Founding, engineering, metal-working,								
including shipbuilding		889	17	906	860	27	887	
Vehicles, including aircraft		220	5	225	183	2	185	
Textiles and articles of dress		117	52	169	107	38	145	
Food, drink and tobacco		1,558	137	1,695	1,176	70	1,246	
Furniture, woodwork, etc.		205	3	208	176	1	177	
Other factories, including heat, light	t							
		497	10	507	418	9	427	
Building and Construction		782	-	782	755	-	755	
m : 1:	00	670	17	687	645	12	657	
Commerce and Finance -								
Wholesale and retail trade		976	56	1,032	923	57	980	
Finance and property		55	3	58	57	4	61	
		928	41	969	906	37	943	
		503	112	615	474	89	563	
	00	431	28	459	558	28	586	
TOTAL:		8,991	485	9,476	8,298	379	8,677	

The States with the largest numbers of males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 30th September, 1946, in the principal industrial groups were:-

Food, etc. Factories: (Cwlth. 1,176 males) - Qld. 785, N.S.W. 173.

Wholesale and Retail Trade: (923) - Qld. 357, W.A. 275, N.S.W. 177.

Public Administration, etc.: (906) - Qld. 476, W.A. 170, N.S.W. 169.

(a) Defence - Civilian employees (mainly of Allied Govt. forces): (454) - Qld. 326.

Founding, Engineering, etc.: (860) - N.S.W. 384, Qld. 162, W.A. 157

Building and Construction: (755) - Qld. 352, N.S.W. 185, W.A. 121.

Agriculture, Pastoral, etc.: (716) - N.S.W. 260, Qld. 251.

Transport and Communication: (645) - Qld. 319, N.S.W. 114, W.A. 109.

(iii) Occupation Groups: Persons on unemployment benefit at 30th September, 1946, are classified according to principal groups of occupation in the following table:-

OCCUPATION GROUPS - PERSONS ON UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1946 : AUSTRALIA.

Occupation Group		Males	Females	Persons
Rural, Fishing and Hunting Occupations -	Special production of the Control of	rapolitine in Aggani in manuscription of disease links i station	The state of the s	THE PROPERTY OF CONTROL OF THE PROPERTY OF THE
Farming and Pastoral		666	3	669
Other	• .6	152	-	152
Professional and Semi-Professional Occupations	0.0	38	12	50
Administrative, Commercial and Clerical Occupati	ons -			
Indoor Clerical		410	48	458
Indoor Selling Activities		288	56	344
Other		164	3	167
Skilled Manual Workers -				
Building and Constructional	0 0	244	_	244
Metal Trades		322	2	324
Other		197	9	206
Other Manual Workers -				
Building and Constructional	• 0	450	-	450
Metal Trades		360	18	378
Food, Drink and Tobacco Trades	9 0	424	50	474
Car, Truck, etc. Drivers		350	-	350
Packers, Storemen and Wrappers		417	11	428
Wharf Labourers	20	136	wa .	136
Labourers (undefined)		1,717	5	1,722
Other		693	49	742
Protective Service Occupations (Watchmen, etc.)	0 0	160	-	160
Other Service Occupations -				
Hotel, Boarding House and Tea-room		264	45	309
Caretaking and Cleaning		199	3	202
Other		58	11	69
Private Domestic Occupations	. 0	57	29	86
Occupation Not Stated		532	25	557
TOTAL:		8,298	379	8,677

(iv) Metropolitan and Other: Unemployment benefits granted during the three months ended September, 1946, and those current at 30th September, 1946, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS(a) : STATES.

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0) 1-	Claims admitted during three months ended September, 1946					it at 30t	h September, 194		
State	Metrop	Metropolitan Other		Metrop	olitan	Oth	ner		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
N.S.W.(b)	740	25	1,823	123	549	17	1,534	130	
VIC.	345	22	842	13	192	11	558	13	
QLD.	5,293	1,842	3,292	462	1,700	1.3	1,746	146	
S.A. (c)	212	2	148	1	202	6	35	-	
W.A.	1,979	61	543	21	1,386	29	215	11.	
TAS.	111	_	44	1	154	1	27	2	
TOTAL:	8,680	1,952	6,692	621	4,183	77	4,115	302	

- (a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Suburban district offices of the Departments of Social Services or Labour and National Service (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide and in W.A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in Metropolitan.
- (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
- (c) Includes Northern Territory.

7. SICKNESS - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1946 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF SEPTEMBER, 1946.

(i) <u>Nature of Sickness</u>: The following table shows the principal types of sickness, as stated on medical certificates, of beneficiaries admitted to Benefit during the three months ended September, 1946 and of those on benefit at 30th September, 1946:-

NATURE OF SICKNESS: CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1946.

Nature of Sickness	three	admitted months tember,		On benefit at 30th September,1946			
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	835	180	1,015	469	144	613	
Cancer	71	13	84	65	11	76	
Other Tumours	85	51	136	53	54	107	
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and							
Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases	712	147	859	652	173	825	
Diseases of -							
Blood and Blood-forming organs	58	41	99	64	42	106	
Nervous System and Sense Organs	924	291	1,215	716	245	961	
Circulatory System	922	117	1,039	927	111	1,038	
Respiratory System	1,425	245	1,670	845	177	1,022	
Digestive System	2,174	467	2,641	1,259	281	1,540	
Genito-Urinary System	424	148	572	331	100	431	
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc	-	212	212	-	197	197	
Skin and Cellular Tissue	621	114	735	350	70	420	
Bones and Organs of Movement	309	61	370	217	40	257	
Other Diseases (including Ill-defined							
conditions)	158	56	214	109	46	155	
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -							
Fractures	1,113		1,206	906	95	1,001	
Other Injuries, etc.	985		1,074	459	63	522	
Operations (original disability not stated)	69	54	123	45	40	85	
Other	47	10	57	30	11	41	
TOTAL:	10,932	2,389	13,321	7,497	1,900	9,397	

(ii) <u>Industrial Groups</u>: The distribution, according to main industrial groups of those in receipt of sickness benefits at 30th September, 1946, is shown in the next table. For comparison, figures at 31st August are added.

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - PERSONS ON SICKNESS BENEFIT AT 30TH SEPTEMBER AND 31ST AUGUST, 1946 : AUSTRALIA.

		On benefit at 31st August, 1946			On benefit at		
Industrial Group					30th September, 1946		
	YEST THE REAL PROPERTY.	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying	0 0	576	13	589	579	12	591
Other Primary Production		170	1	171	172	1	173
Coal Mining	00	333		333	316	-	316
Other Mining and Quarrying	0 0	118	-	118	105	1	106
Factories and Industrial -							
Founding, engineering, metalworking,							
including shipbuilding	0 0	1,327	75	1,402	1,340	86	1,426
Vehicles, including aircraft		305	9	314	335	8	343
Textiles and articles of dress		272	318	590	287	383	670
Food, drink and tobacco	0 0	494	124	618	504	140	644
Furniture, woodwork, etc.		242	10	252	241	12	253
Other factories, including heat, light							
and power	0 0	633	108	741	657	109	766
Building and Construction	0 0	694	1	695	769	3	772
Transport and Communication	0 0	704	53	757	733	59	792
Commerce and Finance -							
Wholesale and retail trade		653	260	913	635	283	918
Finance and property		47	24	71	50	27	77
Public Administration and Professional	00	415	284	699	388	311	699
Personal and Domestic Service	0 0	325	427	752	358	461	819
Other ··	00	28	4	32	28	4	32
TOTAL:	: BEFTER: SIMBLE IN	7,336	1,711	9,047	7,497	1,900	9,397

(iii) Metropolitan and Other: Sickness benefits granted during the three months ended September, 1946 and those current at 30th September, 1946, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS(a): STATES.

Claims admitted during three months ended September, 1946					On Benefit at 30th September, 1946					
5000	Metrop	olitan	Other		Metropolitan		Other			
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females		
N.S.W.(b) VIC. QLD. S.A. (c) W.A.	1,784 1,802 545 874 762	523 556 117 152 225	1,861 1,037 808 496 417	236 212 113 62 89	1,500 1,313 434 497 366	469 445 118 100 146	1,418 734 425 222 179	221 157 73 31 35		
TAS.	182	47	364	57	207	57	202	48		
TOTAL:	5,949	1,620	4,983	769	4,317	1,335	3,180	565		

(a) See footnote to Table 6(iv).

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

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